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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 26, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action in the above-identified application that was mailed to Applicants' attorney on September 26, 2003. A response to the September 26, 2003 Action was due three (3) months from its mailing date, i.e., December 26, 2003. Submitted with this response is a Petition for an Extension of Time requesting that the period for responding to the Action be extended by one (1) month so that it does not expire until January 26, 2003. Therefore, this response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a)

On pages 2-3 of the Action, claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over End (WO 98/55124 and U.S. Patent No. 6365600) and Venet (WO 97/16443, WO 97/21701, and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,968,952; 6,037350; and 6,169,096). The Examiner asserts that Venet and End both teach

imidazol-5-ylmethyl-2-quinolinone derivatives as inhibitors of cell proliferation and their pharmaceutical compositions and methods of use.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position that the cited references anticipate or render obvious the presently claimed invention.

In the presently claimed compounds, the substituent "Z" refers to an aromatic 4 or 10 membered **heterocyclic** group, substituted with 1 to 4 R³ substituents. None of the Venet and End references disclose or suggest imidazol-5-ylmethyl-2-quinolinone derivatives wherein the substituent Z is a substituted or unsubstituted 4 to 10 membered heterocyclic group, as presently claimed. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited Venet and End references refer to quinoline derivatives wherein the substituents corresponding to presently recited "Z" are either substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups, not aromatic heterocyclic groups. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). MPEP 2131. In the present case, none of the compounds disclosed in Venet and/or End anticipate the presently claimed compounds. It is respectfully submitted that since neither of the cited references teaches each and every element of the claimed invention, neither reference anticipates the present invention.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991). MPEP 2142. The initial burden is on the examiner to provide some suggestion of the desirability of doing what the inventor has done. "To support the conclusion that the claimed invention is directed to obvious subject matter, either the references must expressly or impliedly suggest the claimed invention or the examiner must present a convincing line of reasoning as to why the artisan would have found the claimed invention to have been obvious in light of the teachings of the references." *Ex parte Clapp*, 227 USPQ 972, 973 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1985). MPEP 2142.

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In the present case, the Examiner has not provided any rational how the cited references alone or in combination would render obvious the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, it is the Applicant's position that there is no motivation, based on the disclosure of the Venet and/or End references, for a person of ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the presently claimed invention. And, even if the Venet and End references were combined, they do not lead to the presently claimed invention. Accordingly, the presently claimed invention is not rendered obvious by the disclosure of the Venet and/or End references.

In view of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the present rejection, and allow pending claims 1-11.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request prompt consideration of the pending claims and early allowance of the application.

If the Examiner wishes to comment or discuss any aspect of this application or response, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to call him at the telephone number provided below.

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